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SUBJECT: UAE NAMES AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN

[1](#)1. (U) On January 10, UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed appointed Yousef Saif Khamis Al Ali as UAE Ambassador to Afghanistan. (Note: The UAE has not had an ambassador in Afghanistan in the post 9/11 era. The UAE embassy was reopened in March 2002, staffed and supported from the embassy in Islamabad, but did not assume independent staffing and management until March [1](#)2006. End Note.)

[1](#)2. (SBU) UAE Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Amb. Ali Al Shamsi told SRAP Senior Advisor Jarrett Blanc and EconOff on January 10 that Al Ali is expected to arrive in Kabul in the next 30 days. Al Shamsi said Al Ali is a former UAE military officer.  
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